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OF THE
CIMARRON VALLEY.
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The Southwestern Part of
COLFAX COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

LEGEND.
Highlands are covered with timber.
Prairie Lands, particularly those blocked off thus [] grow sugar beets, alfalfa, wheat, oats, barley, rye and all fruits and vegetables common to a temperate climate.
Mineral Lands, particularly those blocked off thus [] contain gold, silver, copper, lead and iron.
Colfax County is the richest county in the United States in point of natural resources containing 1,000 square miles of coal land, 1,000 square miles of timber land, 150,000 acres of grazing land, 800,000 acres of farming land with two acre feet of available flood water for each acre, 100,000 acres of mineral land containing gold, silver, copper, lead and iron.
All farming lands and mineral lands and most of the coal, timber and grazing lands lie in the Cimarron Valley.

SHOTS MEET THREATS

Wealthy Man in Duel With Blackmailers Who Demanded Money

Pittsfield, Mass., June 8.—William Pollock of New York, horse judge and club man, had a thrilling experience today with desperadoes on his summer estate, Homedale, three miles from here. He and three of his farm hands exchanged more than thirty rifle shots with three foreigners who had previously ordered Mr. Pollock to give them \$5,000 or have his house blown to pieces.

No one on either side was wounded in the encounter, but a posse is pursuing the blackmailers and a lively fight is expected if they are found.

Early in the week the wealthy horseman received a letter demanding that he leave \$1,000 near the edge of his estate. He paid no attention to it. On Friday came a second letter signed "The Black Hand," which said that if he did not place \$5,000 at the foot of an old oak tree by 3

o'clock Sunday afternoon his house would be dynamited last night. The writers had marked the oak tree by standing a railroad tie against it.

Mr. Pollock made up a dummy package and at 3 o'clock carried it across the fields and placed it at the designated spot. Earlier in the day he had placed his three men, armed with rifles, in a thicket nearby. After putting down the package, Mr. Pollock walked openly so he might be seen, to his barn, a considerable distance away. There he had his own rifle in readiness.

In a few minutes two men appeared from the edge of the woods, 200 yards off. After surveying the ground and seeing no one they ran to the oak, grabbed the bundle and ran off again. The Pollock men opened fire and started in pursuit. Mr. Pollock himself, from a window in the barn, joined in the firing. A half dozen bullets tore up the ground about the fugitives' feet, but they dodged and twisted and escaped unhurt to the edge of the woods.

There the third man stepped out. He was the only one armed among the blackmailers, apparently. He raised a rifle and sent shot after shot at the pursuers. They were stopped by the volley and sought cover to reload their weapons. Seeing a puff of smoke from the barn and hearing a ball whizz by him, the third man then fired twice in that direction before taking to his heels after his companions.

Mr. Pollock and his men gave chase through the woods and the police of this city were telephoned to

join in the hunt. After a search that lasted until dusk they were obliged to quit, finding no trace of the desperadoes. Apparently the latter believed they had the \$5,000 in the bundle, for it was not found anywhere along the trail.

BELMONT CANNOT RECOVER
New York, June 8.—Oliver H. P. Belmont, who has been critically ill with appendicitis at his country home at Hempstead, L. I., will probably not live through the day. He had a very hard night and was weaker this morning.

During last evening Mr. Belmont began to lose ground, and the physician remained with him throughout the night. Members of the family, including Mrs. Belmont, her sons William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., and Harold Vanderbilt, and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., remained all night within call. After midnight there was a brief interval when the sick man seemed to gain strength; but as the morning wore on the weakness came on again and there seemed to be little chance that he would survive through the day.

During the forenoon Mr. Belmont's condition grew steadily worse, and hope for his recovery was practically abandoned.

He was unable to take nourishment of any kind today.

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MURDER IS UNSOLVED

Trinidad, Colo., (Special) June 9.—The mystery surrounding the assassination of Domenico Trugalla the Lavey canon rancher, is still unsolved. A jury was impaneled yesterday and an inquest will be held as soon as the coroner has secured all the available evidence. The murdered man was buried yesterday and a riot was nearly precipitated at the funeral at the chapel of the Trinidad Undertaking company. An enormous crowd attended the services and many Italians became hysterical upon gazing at the remains of the dead ranchman. One of the company broke away from the procession and ran back into the chapel to look again upon the body. The friends and associates of Trugalla seem to be in a state bordering upon panic as a result of the murder. The authorities think that it is fear of the vendetta that is believed to have caused the death of Trugalla and Maniseco that causes the others to fear that more victims will follow.

Arrests are expected to be made in a short time.

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